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REMARKS

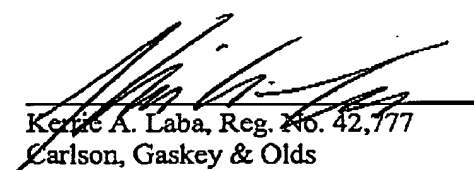
Claims 1-12 and 14-20 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1, 6, and 17. Claims 13 and 21-23 have been cancelled.

Claims 21-23 are indicated as allowable. Claim 21 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claim 22 has been incorporated into claim 6. Claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 17. Thus, claims 1-12 and 14-20 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12, 15-17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartoli (FR 2729621). This rejection is moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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